

5 STEVE SANSON: Good evening. My name is
1 6 Steve Sanson. [I'm president of a group called Veterans in
7 Politics. We're a military watchdog group, and we endorse
8 candidates for different elected seats. I've spent 12
9 years in the military, and I'm a Gulf War veteran. And I
10 can give you a little scenario.

11 In the Gulf War, they gave us blister and
12 nerve agent shots and pills. But the funny thing about
13 that, it never made our servicemen's medical record
14 books. I've been involved in politics in Nevada for
15 probably around nine years. And one thing I've learned
16 is that don't trust government. Don't trust government.
17 It's sad but it's true.

18 If you think about Agent Orange, the
19 government never admitted to Agent Orange until
20 thousands of veterans died from it. The government
21 never admitted to Gulf War Syndrome until thousands of
22 veterans died from it. Why should we believe them now?
23 Ask yourself that question.

24 These DOEs, they're being paid. They're on
25 the government's payroll. But there's a lot of us
1 citizens living here today that are not. How can
2 government protect us? Terrorism is at an alarming high
3 rate. These terrorists out there are smarter, more
4 advanced, and hungrier to kill Americans. They're not
5 going to stop at anything.

6 Government never protected us when the
7 American Embassy got blown up in Lebanon. Government

8 never protected us when the American Embassy got blown
9 up in Africa. We have home-grown terrorism as well.
10 Look at the Oklahoma City bombing.

11 Now, we can sit here and we can talk about how
12 we're going to transport nuclear waste through the I-15,
13 I-95, and the railways, but terrorism is going to be
14 keeping track of that, too, as well. You bet they are.
15 And if you sit here and think that they're not, they
16 are.

17 Who are going to drive those trucks? Is the
18 DOE going to make sure that these individuals are not
19 going to be bought off by somebody? Is the DOE going to
20 make sure that these individuals that are driving these
21 trucks are not working for some terrorist organization?

22 You think they're going to put that much money
23 into the background check of who's driving those
24 vehicles? It's really upsetting that a government
25 official could come here and talk about transporting
1 wastes across our city, highways, city streets, our
2 rails, and our freeways. Me as an American citizen, I'm
3 outraged by this.

4 And it's not just Nevada. It's a lot of other
5 states as well. You know, they say this thing is safe.
6 Safe? Nothing in life is safe, my friends. Nothing in
7 life is ever proof. There's always a flaw in
8 everything. You think something is 110 percent safe?

9 You think any one of these individuals that
10 work in the DOE could put their hands on a stack of
11 Bibles and say there's nothing going to happen in the

12 next, five, 10, 15, 20 years? I don't think so. I
13 don't think so at all.

14 Now, we can all remember Three Mile Island.

15 Can we remember that? They said that was safe, too.

16 It's just discouraging that we all have to take time of
17 our busy day and sit here for hours on end to talk about
18 something that's really common sense. And the common
19 sense factor is let the nuclear waste stay where it is,
20 let each state and the federal government deal with it
21 as it lay.

22 Is that hard? Is that hard? Radiation causes
23 cancer. My whole thing is the money that they're
24 spending on transporting this nuclear waste, put it in
25 cancer research. Start finding out what causes cancer.
1 Find a cure for that. That is my thing.] I'd like to
2 thank you for your time and thank you for being here.